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NEW U. S. AIRPLANES TO BE READY SOON

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SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE SUN.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—The first of 1,000 superairplanes, larger, faster and more powerful than any in Germany and built expressly to run down and destroy submarines, will be assembled at the new navy airplane factory at League Island in a few days for immediate service.

Until the end of the war the big air fighters will be turned out at the factory at the rate of three every day.

While details of the plans are withheld for military reasons, it was said today that they will have a maximum speed of from eighty to one hundred miles an hour and each will be capable of carrying several men and a plentiful supply of heavy high powered depth bombs, one of which will destroy any submarine that is caught within a radius of 100 feet when it explodes.

The thirty motor is the principal feature of these airplanes with the exception of the motor virtually every part of the machine is being built at the plant.

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NAVY BLUE PRINTS STOLEN; 1 ARREST

Plans for Devices Used to Combat U-Boats Vanish in New York Plant.

RUSSIAN HELD IN \$5,000

Agents of German Government Supposed to Have Inspired Thefts.

Hyman Lubarsky, who sometimes called himself Harold Barr, was arrested here yesterday under the espionage act. He was an employee of Charles Cory & Sons, Inc., makers of wireless and signaling apparatus for the Government.

The prisoner is said to be a Russian subject, and he is charged with having stolen two blue prints of Government devices from the establishment where he has been employed and with having transmitted details from the plans contained upon them to outside parties.

As to the identity of the recipients of this information the Federal authorities were silent yesterday, but it is understood that they are suspected of being agents of the German Government. The importance attached to the case may be judged by the anxiety exhibited by James S. Johnson, Assistant United States Attorney, at the time of Lubarsky's arraignment.

Preliminary Bail Set at \$5,000.

United States Commissioner Samuel M. Hitchcock had left his office, but Mr. Johnson got into communication with him by telephone and prevailed upon him to return for the purpose of accepting the complaint. He then committed the prisoner to be committed to the Tombs in default of \$5,000 bail, with the understanding that should he show signs of furnishing that amount an application might be made to raise it higher.

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B'NAI B'RITH CELEBRATES

Gov. Whitman Speaks at 75th Anniversary Exercises.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of B'Nai B'rith was celebrated at the Temple Emanuel-EI, Fifth Avenue and Forty-third street, last night.

The benevolent work that has been done by the organization since its founding and congratulated the order on the aid it has given the Hebrew poor in this district, commenting particularly on the home for aged and infirm Hebrews in Yonkers.

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STORM OF PROTEST SWEEPS WISCONSIN

Loyal Forces Condemn Gov. Philipp for Delaying Special Session.

FEB. 19 DATE HE SET

Probably Too Late to Permit of Special Election for Senator in Spring.

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MADISON, Wis., Feb. 2.—Gov. Philipp finally has called a special session of the Legislature to take up the problem caused by the death of United States Senator Paul O. Husting, involving the choice of a successor and a test of strength between the loyalty forces of the State and the La Follette-pro-German organization. The Governor has set the date for the special session to open on February 19, so late it probably will be impossible to have a special election called in the spring, as patriotic leaders desired, and with the probability that there will be no loyalty test in the State until the elections in the fall.

The decision of the Governor to call the Legislature so late as February 19 has brought forth a flood of hostile comment from the press of the State, which charges he is robbing Wisconsin of an opportunity to have complete representation in the Senate at this critical time and also for the State to cleanse its name of pro-Germanism and La Folletteism. Some of the papers charge that the Governor is adding to the shame already carried by the State through the actions of its public men in and out of office.

May Be Candidate Himself.

The Legislature in Wisconsin meets biennially and usually is convened the first week in January. The action of the Governor in calling for the special session at a much later date and the fact that this may prevent a special election this spring tends to the belief that Gov. Philipp will be a candidate for the United States Senate at the November election and is playing his cards with that idea in view. Strengthening this view is the announcement that James Heck, former chairman of the State Industrial Commission and one of the lieutenants of La Follette in his

State political fights, has been picked as the La Follette candidate to make the run for Governor in the fall.

The loyal forces in the State, at first fearing an immediate test with the pro-German faction, later called for a spring election to fill the Senate vacancy and desired that it be held at once. In the winter months the Loyalty Legion has extended its campaign until every county in the State has been covered and flooded with patriotic literature. Full reports on the progress made will be returned on March 1. If the election of a United States Senator is postponed until fall the loyal leaders will continue their fight. They assert now that every month added to the time given them to prepare for the contest at the polls strengthens their chances, but keeps the name of the State in the column of shame.

Gov. Philipp has maintained that the cost of a special election at this time would be too heavy for the State to bear in addition to the extra tax burdens of the war, but the opposition explained